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September 29, 2014

Rob Stubbins Reformed Bible Church P. O. Box 504 West Rutland, VT 05777

Re: Variance Request

Location: 894 Rte. 133, Clarendon Springs Road

Site # 62521

Dear Mr. Stubbins,

I am in receipt of your variance request from the requirement to install a sprinkler system.

Under the provisions of the amended 2012 Vermont Fire & Safety Code, Section 8, a variance may be granted when the applicant can demonstrate that an equal degree of safety is being provided through a safe alternative method.

The building is a two story wood frame building with a total of approximately 9365 square feet. It has an approved fire alarm system with emergency force notification. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have been installed in every sleeping room. The building has exit signs and emergency lights.

You are requesting a variance for a change of use of the second story section of the building from a place of assembly to rooming and lodging. This section of the building has an open space on the first floor and four classrooms on the second floor which you would like to use as sleeping rooms with up to four to six persons per room for one to six nights. There would be a maximum of sixteen persons staying up to six nights and an expected maximum of six weeks per year.



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<u>Code Requirement</u>: All new rooming and lodging shall be protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system. NFPA 101 Section 26.3.6. 2012 Edition.

Your variance request is **GRANTED** for only four rooms on the second floor. These rooms are to be used for rooming and lodging on a basis of one to six days at a time for no more than six months per year.

A two hour separation between the assembly occupancy and the rooming and lodging, shall be provided in accordance with, NFPA 101 Table 6.1.14.4.1 2012 Edition.

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L.D. Sutherland Jr.

Sincerely,

Regional Manager, Rutland

Cc: Regional Managers

Matt Jakubowski Assistant Fire Marshal Patrick Banks Assistant Fire Marshal

